



# SOWING & GROWING

PREPARING FOR THE BRIGHT DAYS AHEAD

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**Question #1**

What did you resonate with?

**Question #2**

Was there anything you wrestled with?

### Question #3

Read John 7:37-39 below. "Rivers of living water will flow from within them" means that Jesus' followers should not be stagnate, but overflowing. Can you think of some possible examples of what overflowing living might look like?

### John 7:37-39, NIV

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink."<sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."<sup>39</sup> By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

### Question #4

Is it hard for people to admit they have spiritual needs? Why do you think that is?

### Question #5

Our thirst draws us closer to God, our source. God knows people will look to other sources to satisfy their thirst, and that, just like in the excerpt Jordan read from The Silver Chair, there is no other source of water that will quench our thirst. Why is Jesus different from other sources? Why is water a good analogy for our situation?

### Question #6

Read Psalm 63:1 below. What kind of thirst is the author talking about here? Do all people thirst in this way? Why do you think this thirst connects us to Jesus?

### Psalm 63:1, NIV

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

### Question #7

Knowing about something is very different from personal experience with it. What are some examples of the difference between knowing and experiencing from the message?

## Question #8

**God makes water overflow in places that should be impossible.** We see this metaphorically and literally in the world. For example, World Vision meets physical and spiritual needs of communities in the name of Jesus.

What does this say about the character of God? Are we sometimes tempted to think too small when it comes to what God is able and willing to do?